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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application prior to entry of this amendment. Amendments to the claims are made without prejudice or disclaimer. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Cancelled claims are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization that doesn't require historical information from a general ledger, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a plurality of task entries, wherein each task entry is comprised of defined types of future action which will generate a result;

receiving a plurality of resource entries, wherein each resource entry ~~indicates any-associated~~ is comprised of defined types of personnel, any-associated hardware, any associated software, and any-associated services, or combinations thereof which are presumed to be available in the future;

receiving mapping information that shows a relationship between ~~the plurality~~ each of the task entries and the plurality of resource entries;

processing the plurality of task entries, the plurality of resource entries and the mapping information to formulate a business model; and

generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and related to the business model.

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2. (Previously Presented) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of attributing overhead expenses to the organization as a whole.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of resource entries is associated with at least one system entry.

4. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein:

at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and the system entry is derived from a template; and

the template is not produced by an end user.

5. (Previously Presented) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of retrieving at least one of the plurality of task entries and the plurality of resource entries from a predefined template.

6. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein the organization comprises at least one of a project(s), a department(s), a whole company, and a family of companies.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization without requiring historical information from a general ledger for the organization, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a task entry and a resource entry wherein:

the task entry comprises a defined type of future action which will generate a result; and

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the resource entry comprises a defined type of personnel, hardware, software, services, or combination thereof which is presumed to be available in the future;

correlating the task entry to the resource entry;

processing the resource entry and the task entry before entry of any historical information for the organization, wherein a business model for the organization is formulated;

generating a forward-looking report using the business model.

8. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing an activity entry.

9. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing a system entry.

10. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 9, further comprising a step of determining a demand for the system entry for an activity volume.

11. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, wherein the forward-looking report is chosen from the group consisting of: a head count report, a multi-year projection, and an activity-based costing report.

12. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising steps of:

processing an activity entry; and

processing a system entry, wherein:

at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and the resource entry is derived from a template; and

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the template is not produced by an end user.

13-18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization that doesn't require historical information from a general ledger, the method comprising steps of:

receiving at least one task entry, wherein:

each task entry comprises a defined type of future action which will generate a result; and

each task entry has a projected volume and projected duration;

receiving at least one resource entry, which comprises a defined type of personnel, hardware, software, services, or combination thereof which is presumed to be available in the future;

receiving at least one forward looking activity entry;

receiving mapping information that shows a relationship between each of the task entries and the plurality of resource entries;

associating at least one forward looking activity entry with at least one of the task entries;

processing the task entries, resource entries, system entries, the mapping information, and the activity entries to formulate a business model; and

generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and related to the business model.

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20. (New) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization recited in claim 19, wherein the processing is based on a predefined template.

21. (New) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization recited in claim 19, wherein:

at least one resource entry includes personnel;

the forward looking report includes productivity and cost information related to the personnel.

22. (New) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein the task entries have a projected volume and projected duration.

23. (New) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the computer-implementable method for activity-based business modeling of claim 1.

24. (New) A computer system adapted to perform the computer-implementable method for activity-based business modeling of claim 1.